

Civil Cover Sheet

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1. (a) PLAINTIFFS**DEFENDANTS**

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF _____
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND

(c) ATTORNEY'S NAME (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

G 1 U.S. Government
Plaintiff

G 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Gov't Not a Party)

G 2 U.S. Government
Defendant

G 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of
Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)**

(PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND IN ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of this State	G 1	G 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	G 4	G 4
Citizen of another State	G 2	G 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in another State	G 5	G 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	G 3	G 3	Foreign Nation	G 6	G 6

IV. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

G 1 Original Proceeding	G 2 Removed from State Court	G 3 Remanded from Appellate Court	G 4 Reinstated or Reopened	G 5 Transferred from another district (specify)	G 6 Multidistrict Litigation	G 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment
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V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
G 110 Insurance G 120 Marine G 130 Miller Act G 140 Negotiable Instrument G 150 Overpayment Recovery & Enforcement of Judgment G 151 Medicare Act G 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excluding Veterans) G 153 Recovery of Overpay- ment of Vet's Benefits G 160 Stockholders' Suits G 190 Other Contract G 195 Contract Prod. Liability	PERSONAL INJURY G 310 Airplane G 315 Airplane Product Liability G 320 Assault, Libel, Slander G 330 Federal Employers' G 340 Marine G 345 Marine Product Liability G 350 Motor Vehicle G 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability G 360 Other Pers. Injury	PERSONAL INJURY G 362 Personal Injury- Med. Malpractice G 365 Personal Injury- Product Liability G 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY G 370 Other Fraud G 371 Truth in Lending G 380 Other Personal Property Damage G 385 Property Damage Product Liability	G 610 Agriculture G 620 Other Food & Drug G 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC § 881 G 630 Liquor Laws G 640 Railroad & Truck G 650 Airline Regulations G 660 Occupational Safety/Health G 690 Other LABOR G 710 Fair Labor Standards Act G 720 Labor/Management Relations G 730 Labor/Management Reporting and Disclosure Act G 740 Railway Labor Act G 790 Other Labor Litigation G 791 Employees Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)	G 422 Appeal 28 USC § 158 G 423 Withdrawal 28 USC § 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS G 820 Copyrights G 830 Patent G 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY G 861 HIA (1395ff) G 862 Black Lung (923) G 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) G 864 SSID Title XVI G 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS G 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Def.) G 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC § 7609	G 400 State Reapportionment G 410 Antitrust G 430 Banks & Banking G 450 Commerce/ICC Rates, etc. G 460 Deportation G 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (Civil RICO) G 810 Selective Service G 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange G 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC § 3410 G 891 Agricultural Acts G 892 Economic Stabilization Act G 893 Environmental Matters G 894 Energy Allocation Act G 895 Freedom of Information Act G 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice Act G 950 Constitutionality of State Statute G 890 Other Statutory Actions
REAL PROPERTY G 210 Land Condemnation G 220 Foreclosure G 230 Rent Lease & Ejectm't G 240 Torts to Land G 245 Tort Product Liability G 290 All Other Real Prop.	CIVIL RIGHTS G 441 Voting G 442 Employment G 443 Housing/ Accommodations G 444 Welfare G 440 Other Civil Rights	PRISONER PETITIONS G 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence HABEAS CORPUS: G 530 General G 535 Death Penalty G 540 Mandamus & Other G 550 Civil Rights G 555 Prison Conditions			

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. civil statute under which you are filing and write brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statute unless this is a diversity action)

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	G Check if this is a Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 Class Action	DEMAND: \$	CHECK YES ONLY IF DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:
			JURY DEMAND: G YES G NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S)

IF ANY (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

Date

Signature of Attorney of Record

FOR CLERK'S OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT NO. _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ JUDGE _____ MAGISTRATE JUDGE _____

Instructions for Attorneys Completing Civil Cover Sheet

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I. (a) Plaintiffs–Defendants. Enter names (Last, First, Middle Initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.).

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section *See Attachments*.

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is stated in FED. R. CIV. P. 8(a), which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an **X** in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the following order:

United States plaintiff . (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 USC Secs. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant . (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an **X** in this box.

Federal question . (3) This refers to suits under 28 USC Sec. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an Act of Congress, or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the United States is a party, the United States plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence and Box 1 or 2 should be checked.

Diversity of citizenship . (4) This refers to suits under 28 USC Sec. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.).

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. Complete this section of the JS-44 if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Origin. Place an **X** in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceeding . (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Remove from State Court . (2) Proceedings commenced in state courts may be removed to the district courts under 28 USC Sec. 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court . (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened . (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District . (5) For cases transferred under 28 USC Sec. 1404(a). Do not use this for within-district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation . (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under 28 USC Sec. 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge's Judgment . (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's judgment.

V. Nature of Suit. Place an **X** in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an **X** in this box if you are filing a class action under FED. R. CIV. P. 23.

Demand . Enter in this space the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand . Check the appropriate box to indicate whether a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to refer to related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket number(s) and the corresponding judges' names for such cases.